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Please amend the claims as follows:

1-40. Cancelled

41. (New) A method for reducing the oral toxicity of aqueous heat transfer fluids containing ethylene glycol comprising the steps of:

(a) providing an aqueous heat transfer fluid containing ethylene glycol, wherein the aqueous heat transfer fluid contains between 40% and 70% by weight water;

(b) providing propylene glycol; and

(c) mixing a sufficient amount of the propylene glycol with the aqueous heat transfer fluid containing ethylene glycol to achieve a concentration of the propylene glycol that is between about 5 percent by weight and less than 30 percent by weight of the sum of the weight of the ethylene glycol fraction and the weight of the propylene glycol fraction in the resulting heat transfer fluid.

42. (New) The method according to claim 41, wherein propylene glycol is mixed with the heat transfer fluid containing ethylene glycol such that the concentration of propylene glycol in the resulting mixture is between 5 weight percent and 10 weight percent of the sum of the weight of the ethylene glycol fraction of the mixture and the weight of the propylene glycol fraction of the mixture.

43. (New) A method for reducing the oral toxicity of aqueous heat transfer fluids containing ethylene glycol comprising the steps of:

(a) providing an aqueous heat transfer fluid containing ethylene glycol, wherein the aqueous heat transfer fluid contains between 40% and 70% by weight water;

(b) providing glycerol; and

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(c) mixing a sufficient amount of the glycerol with the aqueous heat transfer fluid containing ethylene glycol to achieve a concentration of the glycerol that is between 5 percent by weight and 20 percent by weight of the sum of the weight of the ethylene glycol fraction and the weight of the glycerol fraction in the resulting heat transfer fluid.